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27 SEP 1983MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director  
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FROM:

  
LD/OLLSUBJECT: Agency Assistance to Civil Law Enforcement  
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1. We have received the attached letter from Representative Glenn English (D., OK) for action. After digesting its content (and not having had any prior substantive contact with Mr. Mehl), I called John Parisi, Subcommittee Minority Counsel, to find out what is behind the request.

2. Mr. Parisi explained that the Subcommittee is attempting to act as a catalyst in getting federal agencies to lend assistance to civil law enforcement agencies in combatting the drug trade. He explained that the Subcommittee has been instrumental in getting the Air Force, Army, and Navy to play a more active role. Specifically, he noted that the Navy now has civilian law enforcement teams on board its cruisers patrolling the Caribbean and South/Latin American coasts should they come upon "targets of opportunity."

3. According to Mr. Parisi, the next step on the Committee's agenda is to enlist the aid of the Intelligence Community in providing assistance. He said the assistance the Subcommittee is looking for falls within the tactical realm, viz., movement of mother ships out of South and Central America, for example. Mr. Parisi explained that while the Subcommittee is not asking the federal agencies to divert resources otherwise committed to this assistance, the Chairman is looking to insure the availability of all pieces of the puzzle to those charged with interdiction.

4. My suggestion is that we invite Mr. Mehl out to Headquarters to brief him on the Agency's limited role in this equation. This would serve to educate as well as mitigate the request for Mr. Mehl's attendance at "relevant meetings of the Central Intelligence Agency," which--to my knowledge--do not take place.

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The Honorable William J. Casey  
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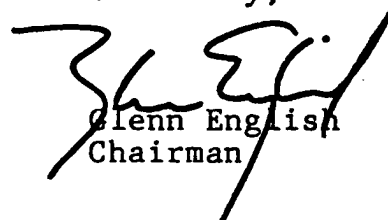
Dear Mr. Casey:

As you know, the Subcommittee on Government Information, Justice, and Agriculture has been holding a series of hearings dealing with the relaxation of posse comitatus. In that regard, I request that you authorize subcommittee staff member Theodore J. Mehl to attend relevant meetings of the Central Intelligence Agency. I request that the level of security be high enough to insure a clear understanding of how the intelligence community might be helpful to Federal law enforcement agencies as well as reasons which may prevent certain assistance. I'm also interested in what mechanisms are in place for the transfer of drug related information, or those which are being considered.

Mr. Mehl presently holds a TK/SI clearance. His Social Security number is   Inquiries or requests for any further information may be directed to Mr. Mehl at (202) 225-3741.

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Sincerely,

  
Glenn English  
Chairman

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